(c) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEM) has also opposed the 51 per cent equity participation by the MNCs and proposed 40 per cent equity; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and by when final decision in the case of basic telecom services is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the report will be taken into account when the Government finalises guidelines for the implementation of the National Telecom Policy. The major recommendations made by the Committee will be communicated after the Government finalises its views thereon.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Delay in the installation of TV Transmitters in Gujarat

*39. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) which are the places in Gujarat where high power/low power TV transmitters have not been installed so far even though they have been sanctioned;

(b) the reasons for delay in installing them; and

(c) by when they are likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The following High Power Transmitters/Low Power Transmitters (HPT/LPT/VLPTs) are at various stages of implementation in Gujarat:

S. No.	Transmitter	Location	Expected date of completion
1	2	3	4
1	HPT;	Bhuj	Commissioned at 1 KW power. Upgradation to full 10KW power is expected during 1995-96
2	LPT	Dhrangadhra	Installation completed. The transmitter is undergoing tests.
3	LPT	Rapar	Do.
4	LPT	Ider	During 1995, subject to availability of regquisite infrastructural facilities and timely supply of equipment by PSUs.
5	LPT	Mangrol (Junagadh)	Do.
6	LPT	Morbi	Do.
7	LPT	Nakhtarana	Do.

1	2	3	4
8	LPT	Deesa	Do.
9	LPT	Rajula	Do.
10	LPT	Sanjeli/Santrampur	Do.
11	LPT	Khambalia	Do.
12	LPT	Amod	Do.
13	LPT	Mangrol (Surat)	Do.
14	LPT	Jhagadia	Do.
15	LPT	Mahuva;	Do.
16	LPT	Palitana	Do.
17	VLPT	Netrang	Do.
18	VLPT	Devgad Baria	Do.

It is also proposed to set up 3 more HPTs at Surat, Vadodara and Palitana subjec to availability of adequate funds and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose.

Installation of only two projects, HPT Bhuj and LPT Morbi has been delayed. While the reason for delay for HPT Bhuj was due to a geological fault discovered at the site, that for the LPT at Morbi is due to non-availability of suitable building for housing the transmitter.

प्रचार माध्यम नीति का निर्माण

*40. **श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री :**
श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रचार माध्यम संबंधी नीति के निर्माण में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन को सरकारी नियंत्रण से मुक्त करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) वर्तमान में, राष्ट्रीय मीडिया नीति बनाने का कोई ठोस प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि "मीडिया नीति" पर सैद्धांतिक दस्तावेज/व्यावहारिक दस्तावेज तैयार करने के लिये सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय की परामर्श-दात्री समिति की एक उप-समिति गठित की गई है।

(ख) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन कार्यात्मक स्वायत्ता का उपयोग कर रहे हैं।

Commissioning of Alampur Telephone Exchange in Himachal Pradesh

58. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Alampur Telephone Exchange under Himachal Pradesh Circle has been commissioned since March 1993;

(b) if so, which are the Panchayats that have been included under Alampur Exchange;